

A Hint To The Wise Duplin Please Take Note

The following story is a reprint from the Belhaven Pilot. You will note that it was designed to serve an area of only 10,000 people. Duplin County has more than 40,000 people and the nearest hospital from the county seat (which is approximately in the center of the county) is 35 miles away. It can be done folks. Please read:

There are 10,936 people living in the territory within the boundaries of the Pungo Health District of Beaufort County, and it was with the ambition to serve the hospital needs of these people that a movement originated in Belhaven less than two years ago to provide them with a modern hospital service. The dream of a number of public spirited men in less than two years has materialized in the completion of a splendid hospital with 20 beds and which is now on the eve of opening for service to the public.

In January, 1947, a group of citizens met and organized the Belhaven Building Corporation. Before the complete plans for the

non-stock and non-profit corporation had been effected, the State became much interested in the provisions of the Hill-Burton Public Health Aid Bill, and the Pungo District Hospital Corporation rested on its oars until they could look into the possibility of bringing State and Federal aid to Belhaven.

When they found there was a possibility of obtaining Hill-Burton aid they made application, but with Beaufort County in "C" priority status it was decided to create a district which included the Belhaven recorder's court area including parts of Bath, Longacre, and all of Pantego Townships. In the summer of 1947, just a year ago the corporation was amended and named the Pungo District Hospital Corporation. In January the group made up a project for the construction of a 20-bed hospital one story cinder block, brick veneer, with wood floor and no basement. On March 27, 1948, the project had moved along so rapidly that it was approved by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission

and the United States Public Health Service, and a contract was awarded to construct the hospital. First ground was broken in April and on October 1 the building was complete; a remarkable tribute to the vision and energy of Belhaven people—the first hospital in the United States constructed under the Hill-Burton Bill, financed entirely without levy upon the taxpayers of the district, and by private subscriptions.

This group raised a total of \$33,816 exclusive of the land and legal fees, the site being donated by the City of Belhaven and valued at \$1,500. The cost per bed of building this hospital was \$6,499. The total general contract for building the hospital was \$61,419, and with equipment and furniture the project falls short by only \$20 of costing \$130,000. This hospital, while designed primarily for the people of the Pungo Health District, will be open to people from the entire mainland of Hyde and Dare counties who need its services.

Ed. Note: Folks, we Duplinites can do as well or better than any other far heel in the state. We all know how much we need a hospital in Duplin, but everyone seems to be too busy living to think of doing or even going to a hospital. Here's a workable suggestion for a starter on Duplin's hospital: Let

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each bread-winner pay an enrollment fee of, say, \$10; then, say, \$1.50 or \$2.00 per month for hospital and surgical service that takes in all his dependents; of course we all realize that some certain specific cases must be excepted. If we stop for a moment and think, we'll soon see that we, too, can raise a lot of DO RA ME for our own hospital, and we have some mighty good people in Duplin that would be more than glad to contribute extra also. What about it, HUH?

for inspecting farm trailers' under 2500 lbs. gross weight.

You will impress upon the me in your district the URGENT need of giving this matter their especial attention each and every day during the month of December as there are still some 100,000 vehicles to be inspected.

Also, asks the Press and Radio in your district to call on motorists to visit the lanes NOW before they become crowded, stating in your release where the lanes are located in your district and the dates they will be there. Authority for inspection is covered in Sec. 20-183.2, and inspection fees in Sec. 20-183.6, Motor Vehicle Laws of 1947.

In your press and radio release call attention also to the E, F, and G drivers whose drivers' licenses must be renewed during December. These drivers must have their new licenses prior to January 1, 1949.

S. M. T. Post No. 379 To Hold All-Nite Dance

The Simmons, Mewborn, Turner Post No. 379, American Legion will have a big Christmas Party at the Legion Hut near Maxwell's Mill Friday Night, December 24. Music and dancing all night if you wish to stay. Come out and enjoy good music and dancing. Admission: \$1.00 per person. Proceeds of the take will go to the Building Fund.

F H A Assists Another Veteran Toward Owning His Farm And Home

Amos Kirby, Jr., a World War II veteran of four years service, born and reared on a farm in Wayne county, married Katie Mae Gore, of Rt. 2, Warsaw, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby immediately planned to purchase them a farm. They purchased in the fall of 1947, a portion of the R. E. Holland farm in the Lanefield Community. The farm had practically no building on it at the time of purchase, so Mr. Kirby purchased some army surplus buildings from Camp Johnston, N. C. and is now obtaining the assistance of Farmer's Home Administration to build his home, a stock barn, and other out-

buildings. Mrs. Marion Doshier, Home Management Specialist with the F. H. A., recently spent a day visiting the Kirbys and planning the arrangement of their home which will include six rooms, a bath and adequate storage space. Mr. Kirby plans to build a large storage barn with an implement shed on the side for housing his tractor and other equipment.

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Man Arrested For Two Law Violations On Same Night

When officers Roscoe L. Daniels, of Glisson Township, and Charlie Nisholson, of Kenansville, went to serve a warrant on Colon Grady, of Glisson Township, charging him with having in his possession materials for the manufacture of non-tax paid whiskey and 35 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey they found him in a card game with six other men at the store of George Waters. According to the officers the men were playing on a pool table and had their money out in front of them as well some in the center of the table in the "pot." The officers arrested all seven men for gambling and then served the above mentioned warrant on Colon Grady. In each case hearings were waived and the men were bound over to the County Court.

According to Deputy Sheriff Nicholson, he and Deputy Sheriff Daniels drove up in front of the Water's store and saw that a card game was in progress. Since Mr. Daniels was known to the men and Mr. Nicholson wasn't, Mr. Nicholson went in and asked for a Coca-Cola while Mr. Daniels waited in the car. Mr. George Waters, who was playing in the game, left it and waited on Mr. Nicholson. Then Mr. Daniels came in and the men grabbed for their money. It was too late - Mr. Nicholson had the evidence and the following men were arrested: Ethel Grady, A. D. Enggram, Henry Stroud, Earl Cherry, Colon Grady, Lehman Grady and George Waters, proprietor of the store.

Henry Baker Dies

Henry Baker, 81, died at his home near Pink Hill at 7:30 Wednesday morning following a lingering illness of about three months. Mr. Baker was a native of Duplin County and was the son of the late Frank and Molecy Baker. He was a retired farmer and lived his entire life in the community in which he died. Mr. Baker is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Houston and Mrs. Robert Kennedy; five sons, Claude, Tobie, Hampton, Lawton and Lunk, all of the home community.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Ernest Gresham, pastor of the Chinquapin Baptist Church. Interment was in the Mercer cemetery.

READ THIS! You'd Better

The following letter was brought to the Times by Patroman Provo for publicity purposes. It's self-explanatory, read it.

All vehicles, except 1941 and 1949 models, should have been inspected prior to December 1, and every vehicle must have been inspected prior to January 1.

You will cause a follow-up to be made on all citations given to see to it that every vehicle in your area has been inspected prior to January 1, 1949; this includes all tractors.

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